Proclamation

by

Steben L. Beshear Gobernor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Kentucky is the largest beef cow state east of the Mississippi River with 2.24 million head of cattle on its farms; and
- WHEREAS, The beef cattle industry is one of the state's largest industries, and beef producers make a vital contribution to Kentucky's economy; and
- WHEREAS, Cash receipts from the sale of cattle and calves in 2011 were over \$628.6 million, ranking fourth among Kentucky commodities; and
- WHEREAS, The industry has developed easy, convenient, nutritious and delicious beef products in response to a strong demand for beef; and
- WHEREAS, Beef is packed with ten essential nutrients which include zinc, iron, B-vitamins, protein, and minerals; and
- WHEREAS, The Kentucky Cattlemen's Association, the Kentucky Beef Council and over 38,000 beef farmers encourage the people of Kentucky to join with them in enjoying beef during May which has traditionally been proclaimed Beef Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as

BEEF MONTH

in the State of Kentucky and urge all Kentuckians to support the beef cattle industry and join with the cattlemen and cattlewomen in saluting this important industry.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 30^{th} day of April, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen and in the 221^{st} year of the Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR

GOVERNOR

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